

JAMES SWEETMAN—WIDOW OF.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 746.]

MAY 18, 1860.

Mr. STOKES, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the petition and papers of Louisa Sweetman, widow of a disabled soldier of the war of 1812, report :*

The evidence shows that the husband of the petitioner was wounded in the right leg by a musket ball, at the battle of Fort Erie, on the 17th day of September, 1814; that the bone of the leg was so seriously injured as to produce total disability; that he applied in his lifetime to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension, and it was refused, owing to the rigid rule of the Pension Office, refusing all pensions where the rolls of the company do not show the casualty. He then applied to Congress for relief, and an act granting him a pension was passed on the 3d day of March, 1843.

It also appears in evidence that he died in the year 1853, and that since his death the petitioner, his widow, applied to the Commissioner of Pensions for the pension she was entitled to under the act of 3d of February, 1853, and she was refused the same for the reason that her husband obtained his pension by special act of Congress, and she must apply to the same source for the pension she claimed.

The evidence shows that the petitioner is now the widow of the said James Sweetman, and is entitled to the pension of half pay for five years from the 4th day of September, 1853, and your committee therefore report the following bill, and ask the favorable consideration of the same.

